ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY

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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

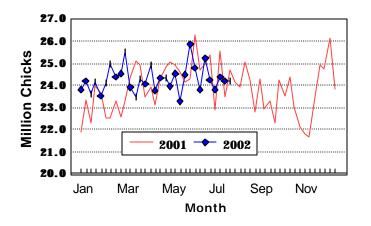
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.2 million during the week ending August 3, 2002. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2001, but up a fraction from the revised previous week, and included 2.5 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through August 3, 2002 were 752.9 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.2 million, down fractionally from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 3 percent from the revised previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.6 percent.

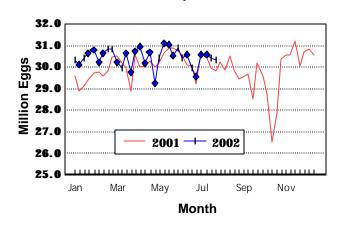
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 3, 2002, up 2 percent from the same period last year, but down slightly from the revised previous week.

	NET I	PLACEME	NTS	CHIC	KS HATC	HED	EGGS SET			
Week Ending	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	
Litting	1,000			1,000			1,000			
June	24,966	25,209	101	25,620	25,606	100	30,055	29,971	100	
July 6	25,365	24,268	96	25,454	25,365	100	29,204	29,561	101	
July	22,873	23,811	104	25,030	25,372	101	30,644	30,567	100	
July	25,588	24,396	95	24,799	24,901	100	30,430	30,596	101	
July	23,475	24,202	103	24,172	24,529	101	29,986	30,422	101	
Aug. 3	24,691	24,227	98	25,245	25,242	100	29,819	30,322	102	

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2001-2002



EGGS SET, 2001 - 2002



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002

	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)							
	Week Ending					Week Ending						1/	
STATE	13-Jul	20-Jul	27-Jul	03-Aug	%	29-Jun	06-Jul	13-Jul	20-Jul	27-Jul	03-Aug	%	
Alabama	29,615 *	29,835 *	29,594 *	29,743	101	22,739	21,904	21,088 *	21,823 *	21,793 *	22,383	105	
ARKANSAS	30,567 *	30,596	30,422 *	30,322	102	25,209	24,268	23,811	24,396	24,202 *	24,227	98	
Delaware	3,520	3,542	3,578	3,589	105	4,988	5,351	5,832	5,442	5,681	5,150	108	
Florida	2,361	2,364	2,362	2,369	106	2,201	2,417	2,233	2,331	2,406	2,384	115	
Georgia	32,588	31,925	32,223 *	32,416	102	25,965	26,612	26,183	26,274	25,522 *	26,573	103	
Kentucky	6,788	6,781	6,573 *	6,587	102	5,373	5,586	4,837	5,237	5,340 *	5,472	105	
Maryland	9,925	9,879	9,808	10,003	104	6,771	6,357	5,650	4,961 *	5,516	5,421	89	
Mississippi	19,181	18,788	18,877	19,118	100	16,108	15,968	15,779	15,252	15,401	16,017	103	
N. Carolina	18,537 *	18,485	18,232	18,485	98	15,558 *	14,672	15,138	14,188	15,056 *	14,785	104	
Oklahoma	6,621	6,546	6,817	6,698	106	4,525	4,857	4,707	4,337	3,985	4,936	113	
Pennsylvania	3,779	4,032	3,681 *	3,798	106	2,711	2,801	2,824	2,674	2,767 *	2,733	100	
S. Carolina	4,895	4,716	4,751	4,841	100	4,028	3,957	3,767	4,087	3,633	3,506	91	
Texas	14,680	14,618	14,679	14,754	104	12,199	12,195	11,722	11,498	11,996	11,727	103	
Virginia	6,119 *	6,300	6,111	6,184	94	4,863	5,366	4,958	5,089	5,126	5,846	105	
CA,LA,MO,TN,WV	19,800 *		19,514 *	20,323	99	18,862	19,760	19,535	18,405	19,052 *	18,562	95	
Total 2002	208,976 *	208,750 *	207,222 *	209,230		172,100 *	172,071	168,064 *	165,994 *	167,476 *	169,722		
Total 2001	207,061	208,170	204,300	206,930		170,027	169,801	165,397	164,118	164,605	167,418		
% Prev. Year	101	100	101	101		101	101	102	101	102	101		
Approximate Mai	Approximate Marketing Date 2002												

^{*} Revised.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 209 million eggs during the week ending August 3, 2002. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 3, 2002. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through Augsut 3, 2002 were 5.27 billion.

The 15 State total was discontinued on May 15, 2002.

^{1/} Current week as percent of the same week last year.